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TENTATIVE DATES

June 16 p. m.-25 a. m., Teachers' Retreat at Santa Clara.
June 29-August 7, Summer School for Teachers, in San Francisco.
August 8-29, Teachers' Villa, Alma.

ALMA

Father Ivancovich gave a very interesting talk on "Convert Making". It was alive with interest, and full of practical hints taken from his own experience.

Father Shipsey gave a thought-provoking address on "English in our Universities."

Messrs. Le Gault, Spils and Soreg-han had to go north in early March to bear testimony in an auto accident suit. The Insurance Co. was endeavoring to make a party with a slight injury settle out of court for \$5,000.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

Father Rector will attend the annual meeting of the Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools in Spokane, April 7 and 8. While in Spokane, Father Rector will also act as chairman at the meeting of the Association of Western Catholic Colleges on April 6.

The feast of the Canonization of St. Ignatius was observed by a Mass attended by the students. Msgr. John Clifford, J. U. D., in his eulogy gave fulsome praise to the work of the Society. The University Glee Club sang parts of the Mass, among which was an original "a capella", "Pater Noster", the work of Mr. R. Briggs, director of the Glee Club.

The library has recently received

some notable gifts. Father Corr, Ph. D., of St. Elizabeth's, Pasadena, presented the monumental Cambridge "History of Ancient, Medieval, and Modern Times", a set of 34 volumes, whose price per volume ranges from \$7 to \$13. He also presented a set of Pastor's "Lives of the Popes". From Miss E. Rossetti came Dr. Bolton's "Diary of the Expeditions of Anza". Mr. Arnoldy, attorney for the University, gave de luxe editions of Scott and Carlisle. Some of the lay professors have contributed worthwhile books pertinent to their respective classes, so that 150 books were received since March 1.

Father Vaughan, invited to speak at a meeting in a downtown restaurant, found himself in a convocation of Communists. He addressed them for 35 minutes. Then numerous questions were poured at him, and attempts made to have him accept a public debate for another occasion.

To further class experiments in Physics, Mr. Coony has built a short wave broadcasting set, operated under the license of one of his pupils.

Father Madigan's debating teams during the past month met U. S. C., varsity and freshman, Occidental, U. S. F., Woodbury College, the American Institute of Banking. They also gave two exhibition debates for the K. C. of Monrovia, and the Santa Monica Holy Name Society.

A modern version of "Every Man" was twice presented by the Del Rey Players. The spring production will be a three act play written by two of the seniors.

The School of Communism holds regular weekly meetings. Five lectures have been given by Father C. Leahy. Mr. Hunter, 15 years a resident in Mexico, described as an eyewitness the effects of Communism in that land.

LOYOLA HIGH

For the benefit of Loyola High, Father Fox is working on a "Mammoth Horse Show" for Easter Sunday.

One of the Loyola High Seniors is planning on joining the White Fathers in Africa.

Father G. Flynn was one of the speakers on March 16, at the meeting of the Los Angeles County Council of Catholic Women.

LOS GATOS

Brother Emmanuel Muscat pronounced his first vows on St. Joseph's day.

The Lourdes Shrine will be in readiness for dedication in May. The altar of Travertine has been designed by Edward A. Eames; the statue of Bernadette in Carrara marble is being sculptured in Italy. The rock work and shrubbery framing the grotto are about complete.

Brother Bulwer Lewis of San Francisco began his coadjutor postulancy on February 29.

Brother Laird, ranch superintendent, gave General Recreation to the Juniors some weeks ago. It was an unusual and interesting session including the latest lore on vineyards, orchards, acreage, live-stock and equipment.

Father C. Walsh directed the Catholic Ladies Aid Society of San Francisco in a Day of Recollection, at St. Ignatius Church, March 25.

Brother Michael Walsh who pronounced his vows a month ago, has been transferred to Alma.

Feting Father Master on March 19, the Novices read the 1916-17 Novitiate Log with its exposure of some of Father Master's and Father Rector's novitiate adventures.

SAN FRANCISCO

Through the generosity of a benefactor, a marble altar of St. Francis Xavier is being installed in the church. The gift has further provided for the decoration of the alcoves for St. Francis and St. Alphonsus.

On Friday afternoons lectures on various topics of interest are given in the college auditorium. Father Malaise spoke on "Who Wrote The Imitation of Christ?"

The U. S. F. Summer School will have evening as well as day classes. It will be conducted from June 29 to August 7.

The university will soon have its R. O. T. C. coast artillery unit. The concrete pit for the storage of anti-

air-craft guns is well under way. The classrooms for military classes have been moved into place above this pit. Major Brey will head the department of Military Tactics. Next year the training will be compulsory for freshman, the following year it will be extended to sophomore.

The university conducted a library drive during the latter part of the past month, and secured some 3000 volumes. Prizes were given the students gathering the largest collections.

Two President's Days were held in March, one for the high school, the other for the university. A feature of the university day was a dinner served to all the seniors from St. Ignatius High.

Mr. Pascal, the State Inspector of Schools, made his visit to St. Ignatius High in February.

SANTA BARBARA

Fathers De Rop and Stack are back at work, the former after three months of illness, the latter after ten days in the hospital.

Father McCummiskey spoke at all the Masses on March 15, securing over 100 subscriptions for JESUIT MISSIONS, and also some personal donations.

Father Maginnis gave the St. Patrick's Night address at the annual gathering.

Father Jerome Sullivan's lectures on Communism are well attended.

LYNCH CELEBRATION

On March 22 Santa Clara gave a dinner in honor of Brother Timothy Lynch. All the Brothers were present from San Francisco and San Jose, and many from Los Gatos and Alma. Father Woods gave the motif for the celebration.

One asks what is this celebration, brought about so secretly? Let me answer briefly, writes Father Woods.

At the end of the eighteenth century a worthy Irishman, Lynch by name, was landscape gardener to Sir Lawrence Parsons of Birr Castle, and Earl of Rosse. He had taken his son as apprentice. His place, honorable and comfortable, might have become an inheritance passing from father to son, as did the earldom itself.

But there was an obstacle. In Of-fely, then called King's County on the border of Tipperary, within the Earl's great estate, lay the town of Birr. The family strove in vain to make it Parsonstown.

The Parsons family stood well

enough as landlords. But there was one blot, and that the blackest. Birr was to be made Protestant as thoroughly as any Irish proprietary town. Catholics could not be kept out, otherwise the place would have been a desert. Their religion could be starved out. No Catholic church, chapel was the word then, would be allowed in Birr. All the ground rents were in the family's hands. Every building-lease contained clauses providing against the introduction of Popery.

The elder Lynches had married on the estate. Their marriage had no doubt been solemnized by one of the neighboring parish clergy. They kept the faith, brought up the younger Lynch a Catholic. But when the time came for him to seek a wife, he went south into the County Cork.

How the elder Lynch and his wife maintained their Catholic practice is obscure. This, however, is clear, that what they were content with, did not satisfy the younger Mrs. Lynch from the south. She would hear Mass on Sundays and Holydays; so about she tramped among the surrounding parishes hearing Mass and receiving the sacraments, now here, now there.

This could not be kept secret. Word got about in Birr that Mrs. Lynch was going to Mass. She must stop. For this a fine mob came together, broke her windows, wrecked her house, ready for further persuasive measures if necessary.

At the time Birr was full of Woodses. My father, a youth of eighteen or twenty, may well have been one of the conscientious objectors to Mrs. Lynch's idolatries. He and our dear brother were not so far apart in British Columbia in the early '70s. Had they known it, what interesting exchange of experiences they might have enjoyed.

Our brother was then only on the way. Mrs. Lynch could not remain in Birr, but had to go to her mother's in the south to await his arrival. Moreover, the violence of the mob caused him to arrive two months before his time. Her husband joined her to practice his profession in the great houses of the south. The child grew up in the sight of the sea and the ships, that lure so many to end in the far west.

For years there, one speculated as to who was to be the Patriarch of the Pacific Coast Jesuits. Father Palladino seemed a likely candidate, then Father Cataldo. Father Demasini might well have taken the prize, were it not for the physical shock of 1906 which broke down his heart. At last

Father Cichi came within a fortnight of his 92nd birthday. Yesterday, March 21, our Brother attained that age and today has surpassed it, a great feat for a seven-months child. On April 4, he will be the first to enter his 93rd year.

But let us not forget how the Protestants of Birr hurried things up. To them we owe this festival day, which otherwise we should have had to wait for to the end of May.

FATHER WILLIAM I. LONERGAN

Father Lonergan was taken with appendicitis on February 21, while giving a retreat to the boys at Canterbury School, New Milford, Conn. He refused to see a doctor until the retreat was over, when he was operated on immediately. His appendix had ruptured, and peritonitis had set in.

He struggled hard for about ten days, and apparently the peritonitis was conquered. As a result, however, of the poison in his system, toxemia set in. He had a series of violent attacks, hiccuping, diarrhea, and finally a complete stoppage of the kidneys.

On the night of March 8, he was not expected to live more than a few hours. It was then that a telegram was sent asking instructions about the funeral. The next morning, his pulse which had been unobservable the night before, had begun again. Efforts were made to put some fluid in his blood, with apparently good effect, because he seemed to hold his own again from then on.

Father Parsons who had gone up to see Father Lonergan was able to send an airmail on March 10 with the facts so far given and with a hopeful note. Father Parsons found Father Lonergan terribly weak and in constant danger lest the toxemia might begin again and attack some other organ.

His many friends in the east were praying for Father Lonergan and securing the prayers of others.

Father Parsons anointed him when the peritonitis was bad. Father Lonergan received the Sacraments with great piety and devotion. Father Parsons and others from the AMERICA Staff took the long trip from New York to Danbury Hospital to visit and encourage Father Lonergan. Other Fathers from Keyser Island, South Norwalk were constantly with him.

On March 10 his morale was very low due to the toxic condition, and it was very hard to get him to fight.

The last words before he lost consciousness were: "It is the will of God." Later during the night in his delirium he did nothing but pray constantly. He finally fell into a deep sleep or stupor from which he never recovered, but in which he peacefully expired.

He died in the afternoon of March 13. The bad news was a great shock to an army of friends that he had among those whom he had taught at Santa Clara, and among the other alumni of Santa Clara and St. Ignatius, San Francisco. He had a wonderful knack of keeping in touch with all these men. Should they go east, the trip was incomplete without a visit to Father Lonergan.

The body was brought to New York and laid out at Campion House. For two days a constant stream of visitors viewed it. On March 16, Father Parsons said the funeral Mass in a crowded church. He accompanied the remains to St. Andrew-on-Hudson, where they were placed in a vault, pending the time when the ground would be free of frost for the digging of the grave.

Father Parsons writes that he knew that Father Lonergan had a great many friends, but he was astonished at the tremendous number of them, all of whom manifested the deepest grief at his passing. At one time or another, all of them had received his direction and advice.

FATHER WILLIAM I. LONERGAN

1884 -Feb. 25, born, San Francisco
 1904 -Jul. 22, entered Los Gatos
 1904-06-Novice at Los Gatos
 1906-08-Junior
 1908-12-Teacher, Santa Clara
 1912-15-Philosopher, Gonzaga
 1915-17-Teacher, Gonzaga
 1917-21-Theology, Woodstock
 1921-22-Tertian, Cleveland
 1922-25-Pf. of Studies, S. Clara
 1925-32-AMERICA, New York
 1932-34-Rector, San Francisco
 1934-36-AMERICA, New York City
 1936 -Mar. 13, died, Danbury Conn.

VARIA

Stamps help Shanghai: Please express our gratitude, writes Father McGreal, to the Mission Stamp Bureau at Mt. St. Michael's and its many stamp contributors, and tell the devoted workers that there are no letters on the typewriter sufficiently large to convey the great big THANKS and APPRECIATION he owes them.

Father McCoy was appointed In-

spector of Finances in the Province.

At the invitation of Father Robert S. Burns, Father Siedenburg will be guest speaker at the Arizona State Welfare Conference in Tucson. He also will address the Clergy on Catholic Social Welfare.

The new Jesuit Cardinal, Peter Cardinal Boetto, served table at the Roman Curia, and said his culpa before leaving the house for the Vatican.

California Ordinandi, Alma 6, China 1, Rome 1.

The catalogue address for Father David McAstocker is incorrect. It should read 2102 Monroe St., Riverside, Calif.

The returns on the Queen's Work drive at the Mount have passed the 1000 mark; and returns are still coming in. It has been a wonderful success.

It is expected that all our colleges will be represented at the meeting of the Association of Western Colleges, held in Spokane, April 6.

Father Crowley gave the Novena of Grace in Salt Lake City. Since its inception in the Cathedral, several of the parishes in the diocese have introduced the novena. During his stay Father Crowley was called upon to give a conference to each of the four convents in Salt Lake.

At the close of the Novena of Grace in Salt Lake, Bishop Kearney celebrated a Pontifical High Mass. In the evening of March 12, he preached a panegyric on St. Francis, emphasizing the foreign missions and paying a fine tribute to the Society.

Father Connolly gave a retreat at El Retiro to some 17 men.

Father Ivancovich gave another at El Retiro to some 24 men.

Father Wm. Le Vasseur is endeavoring to build a retreat house in Alaska, on an island on the shores of Lynn Canal, 23 miles from Juneau. A log cabin is being built, and will house the first retreat this summer, if plans work out.

DEATHS IN THE ASSISTANCY

Fr. Jos. Carney, Mar. 6, Georgetown.

Fr. Wm. Lonergan, Mar. 13, Danbury, Conn.

Fr. Michael Mahony, Mar. 13, New York.

Fr. Thomas Meagher, Mar. 16, Portland.

DEATHS OF RELATIVES

Father of Mr. Louis Litschi.

Father of Mr. Joachim Fraters.